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I. CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

A. Matters related to, and inter-sessional departures from, the approved calendar for 1995; review of the guidelines for consideration of and action on inter-sessional departures

Introduction and overview

1. In its resolution 49/221 A of 23 December 1994, the General Assembly approved the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1995 as set forth in the annex to the report of the Committee on Conferences to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session 1/ and amended by subsequent decisions taken by the Assembly during that session.

2. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee had decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee should, in future, be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

3. At its organizational session, on 23 March 1995, the Committee agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee. The Committee was advised of a number of such changes during the course of 1995.

4. In accordance with established procedure, the Bureau considered and decided upon requests for changes to the approved calendar of conferences for 1995 from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC). Subsequently, by written communication, the Committee was advised of the relevant action taken by the Bureau on those requests. In addition, the Committee considered and decided upon a request from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ). The nature of the requests and the action taken by the Committee are described below.

Organ	Request	Action taken
UNCTAD	To convene the Symposium for Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries and Meeting of Governmental Experts from Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries in New York in June 1995, rather than at Geneva, in order to ensure maximum attendance among the representatives of the land-locked developing countries. Moreover, the two meetings should be scheduled together, as the conclusions and recommendations of the Symposium would be part of the input to the Meeting of Governmental Experts	Request approved
ACABQ	To extend its spring session until 28 July, owing to its heavy workload	Request approved

Organ	Request	Action taken
ICSC	To extend its forty-second session by two days, on 12 and 14 August, so as to enable the Commission to complete its substantive consideration of the most important issues on its agenda and the secretariat to prepare drafts of the annual and sessional reports	Request approved

5. At its 380th meeting, on 21 June 1995, the Committee decided to add to its agenda sub-item 2 (e), entitled "Review of the guidelines for consideration of and action on inter-sessional departures".

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee on Conferences decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved other types of changes should, as the Committee had decided at its substantive session of 1994, be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

B. Adoption of the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996-1997

Introduction and overview

7. At its 381st meeting, on 21 August 1995, the Committee on Conferences reviewed two documents relating to the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996-1997: the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996-1997 (A/AC.172/1994/CRP.2 and Add.1-2) and the consolidated statement of scheduled special conferences for 1996 (A/50/288).

Discussion

8. Clarification was sought and received from the Secretariat regarding various items and aspects of the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996-1997.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. The Committee took note of the information contained in the consolidated statement of scheduled special conferences for 1996 (A/50/288).

10. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it should:

(a) Adopt the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996-1997 as submitted and orally amended, subject to further consideration by the Committee on Conferences, if necessary, following any action on its calendar taken by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed substantive session;

(b) Authorize the Committee to make adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996 as a result of action and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

11. The Committee noted that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/221 A. Accordingly, no sessions were scheduled to open or close on 20 February or 29 April 1996 and bodies would be invited not to hold meetings on those days. The Committee requested the Secretariat to make similar arrangements when drafting the revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1997 for presentation to the Committee at its substantive session of 1996.

12. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a consolidated statement relating to the number and costs of special conferences scheduled for 1997.

C. Improved utilization of conference-servicing resources

1. Meeting statistics of United Nations organs; consultations with bodies that underutilized the conference services available to them

Introduction and overview

13. Since 1983, the Committee on Conferences has studied a series of reports showing the meeting statistics of a number of United Nations organs in New York, Geneva and Vienna.

14. At its 367th meeting, on 23 August 1994, the Committee requested the Secretariat to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session, through the Committee, a synoptic table by sector of meetings held during the biennium 1992-1993 and 1994-1995 (using projections for the second half of 1995), including the notional cost of conference services provided, as well as a breakdown of meeting services and documentation costs.

15. At its 369th meeting, on 24 August 1994, the Committee also requested the Secretariat to expand the core sample in the statistical analysis to include the Main Committees of the General Assembly and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

16. Moreover, at its 369th meeting, the Committee requested its Chairman to consult on its behalf with the chairmen of bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure (75 per cent for calendar years 1983 to 1993 and 80 per cent for calendar year 1994) of their allocated resources for the past three sessions, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources. In accordance with that request, the Chairman of the Committee held consultations with the chairmen of the bodies concerned.

17. At its 382nd meeting, on 21 August 1995, the Committee reviewed a report on meeting statistics of United Nations organs, including a synoptic report on meetings held during the bienniums 1992-1993 and 1994-1995 (A/AC.172/161 and Corr.1).

18. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Committee provided an oral report on the results of the aforementioned consultations. The Chairman informed the

Committee that he had held consultations with the Chairmen of the Committee on Information, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean and the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories. The consultations had been highly beneficial as the Chairmen were made aware of the problem, and ways and means of improving the utilization rates of those bodies were suggested.

Discussion

19. Clarification was sought and received from the Secretariat regarding various aspects of the report contained in document A/AC.172/161 and Corr.1. For example, it was explained that the overall utilization rate was computed by totalling the data for all bodies in the six columns in annex I to document A/AC.172/161 and treating them as if they reflected a single body. The average utilization factor was computed by totalling the utilization factors of each body at each session held during a given year and dividing that figure by the number of sessions held. Any statistical discrepancies would be rectified in a corrigendum.

20. An extensive debate took place in the Committee on the issue of underutilization of conference resources. It was suggested that the availability of documentation might not be directly related to the level of utilization of conference resources on the part of intergovernmental bodies.

21. Concern was expressed that cost estimates were not available for analysis of the losses incurred as a result of underutilization of conference services. The Secretariat explained the current difficulty of producing such figures owing to the lack of an accurate cost-accounting system.

22. The view was expressed that bodies that underutilized conference services should be called upon to reduce their requests for those services if they believed such reductions were feasible. The mandate of the Secretariat should be enhanced so as to enable it to discuss more effectively the issue of underutilization with intergovernmental bodies. The Committee should play an instructive role by informing low utilizers about the Organization's financial crisis, which was aggravated by wastage of conference resources.

23. In addition, the view was expressed that the Committee should encourage intergovernmental bodies to improve their planning, endeavour to be more realistic in their requests for conference services and to make the most effective use of the services allocated by starting meetings on time and fully utilizing the time available. Technical assistance should be provided to the bureaux of intergovernmental bodies, which were frequently unaware of the problems involved.

Conclusions and recommendations

24. The Committee expressed its concern about the decrease in the overall utilization factor for conference services from 84 per cent in 1993 to 77 per cent in 1994, thus falling below the established benchmark figure of 80 per cent. Moreover, the Committee expressed concern that the proportion of bodies that had utilized more than the established benchmark percentage of conference-servicing resources had declined from 77 per cent in 1993 to 62 per cent in 1994.

25. The Committee requested the Secretariat to expand the core sample in the statistical analysis to include the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on Conferences.

26. The Committee expressed concern about the large number of bodies, among others, the Main Committees of the General Assembly, whose utilization factor was below the benchmark figure of 80 per cent.

27. The Committee requested the Secretariat to refine the methodology for calculating utilization factors.

28. The Committee requested its Chairman to consult on its behalf with the chairmen of bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure (75 per cent for calendar year 1993 and 80 per cent for calendar years 1994 and 1995) of their allocated resources for the past three sessions, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources.

29. The Committee further requested its Chairman to transmit a letter to the chairmen of subsidiary bodies that had utilized less than 80 per cent of their conference resources in 1994 to invite them to report on measures taken to improve their utilization of conference-servicing resources and realistically to assess their need for such resources, with a view to reducing the conference resources requested.

30. Moreover, the Committee requested Conference Services to maintain an active dialogue with the substantive secretariats of intergovernmental bodies, providing statistics and information on previous performance, as well as guidelines on the ways and means to enhance utilization of conference-servicing resources. Conference Services was requested to report on the outcome of that dialogue to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, through the Committee.

31. Furthermore, the Committee took note of the synoptic report on meetings held during the bienniums 1992-1993 and 1994-1995, and requested the Secretariat to refine the methodology used in drafting the report and to continue to provide such information to the Committee at its future sessions.

32. The Committee requested the Secretariat to develop as soon as possible a cost-accounting system for Conference Services, and requested the Secretariat to report on cost estimates of conferences, including estimates of losses incurred as a result of underutilization of conference-servicing resources.

2. Existing conference resources, facilities and services within the United Nations; improved coordination of conferences within the United Nations system

Introduction and overview

33. At its substantive sessions of 1990, 1991 and 1993, the Committee on Conferences considered reports of the Secretary-General on existing conference resources, facilities and services within the United Nations (A/AC.172/137, A/AC.172/1991/CRP.6 and A/AC.172/152 and Add.1, respectively).

34. At its 350th meeting, on 19 May 1993, the Committee requested the Secretariat to provide further analysis, including data on the level of the

staff posts listed in document A/AC.172/152, on the nature of the meetings convened and on capacity utilization at each of the headquarters, regional commissions and other organizations and on comparative costs of meetings in New York, Geneva and Vienna, and further information on facilities provided free of charge by Governments or organizations within and outside the United Nations system.

35. Moreover, in paragraph 16 of its resolution 48/222 A of 23 December 1993, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, through the established mechanism of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Language Arrangements, Documentation and Publications, to enhance system-wide coordination of meeting schedules, with a view to optimizing the use of available conference services, resources and facilities, with due regard to quality, and making possible the effective participation of Member States, and to report on the results achieved to the Assembly at its fiftieth session, through the Committee on Conferences.

36. At its organizational session, on 23 March 1995, the Committee decided to combine the report on improved coordination with the report on existing conference resources, facilities and services within the United Nations.

37. At its 383rd meeting, on 22 August 1995, the Committee reviewed the report of the Secretary-General on existing conference resources, facilities and services within the United Nations, including the report on system-wide coordination of conference activities (A/AC.172/162).

Discussion

38. Clarification was sought and received from the Secretariat regarding various aspects of the report contained in document A/AC.172/162. In reply to a question on the comparative costs of the various ways of providing translation, the Committee was informed that, in the absence of an accurate cost-accounting system, these could be listed at this stage as follows in the order of ascending costs: contractual translation; local temporary assistance staff; regular in-house translators; and non-local temporary assistance staff. It was further noted that the quality of the services provided had to be taken into account in selecting the most appropriate mix of resources.

39. The view was expressed that, since the cost involved in the significant recruitment of non-local temporary translators was higher than for local translators and significantly higher than contracting out, a study was needed to compare the cost of expanding the pool of locally available translators, through better technical training, with the cost of the current practice of recruiting and transporting non-local translators.

40. The view was also expressed that quality was of vital importance for translation and interpretation. In keeping with that, the Secretariat was requested to explore less costly arrangements for temporary and external recruitment of translators and interpreters.

41. It was noted that duty stations with low utilization of facilities could not be held accountable for that situation, which was the result of historical factors.

42. While interest was expressed in achieving a more balanced distribution of meetings among all duty stations, cost considerations and the level of

representation of Member States at various duty stations needed to be taken into account. Deviations from the headquarters rule in underutilized duty stations were considered as worsening an already undesirable situation. In addition, the redistribution of meetings would require departures from the established headquarters rule, a fact that was deemed to be undesirable.

Conclusions and recommendations

43. The Committee welcomed the interesting and useful report contained in document A/AC.172/162.

44. The Committee requested the Secretariat to provide similar capacity utilization figures for translation and interpretation at the other United Nations offices.

45. With a view to reducing translation-related costs, the Committee urged the Secretariat to share the translation workload among the various duty stations.

46. The Committee encouraged the Secretariat to enhance its efforts to keep translation-related costs low, as appropriate and whenever feasible, and to provide a report thereon.

47. The Committee felt that the use of temporary or external services should be in accordance with the international character of the Organization.

48. The Committee took note of the underutilization of conference facilities at duty stations outside Headquarters and requested Conference Services, in its communication with those offices, to emphasize the need to make the most effective use possible of such facilities.

49. It recommended that the headquarters rule be strictly enforced in the case of bodies whose headquarters were underutilized.

50. It requested the Secretariat to report on the costs of underutilizing conference facilities at United Nations offices.

51. The Committee considered it useful to receive an analysis of the comparative costs of meetings held in New York, Geneva and Vienna.

52. The Committee decided to consider on a biennial basis the means to ensure an improved coordination of conferences within the United Nations system.

D. Consideration of the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council for 1996-1997

Introduction and overview

53. In its decision 1988/103 of 5 February 1988, the Economic and Social Council invited the Committee on Conferences to review the Council's draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings and to submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council.

54. At its 380th meeting, on 21 June 1995, the Committee considered the aforementioned draft calendar of conferences and meetings (E/1995/L.20).

Discussion

55. Clarification was sought and received from the Secretariat regarding various aspects of the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996-1997 in the economic, social and related fields.

56. The question of the biennialization of conferences and meetings referred to in paragraph 2 (f) (ii) of Council resolution 1988/77 of 29 July 1988 was recalled. Concern was expressed regarding the increase in requests from intergovernmental bodies to seek exceptions to the biennialization of their sessions.

57. It was suggested that the Council might review all mandates granted for annual cycles of meetings. The view was also expressed that it was up to the subsidiary bodies to determine the need for such authorizations; that an arrangement could be explored to limit the number of bodies authorized to annualize their substantive sessions; and that the work of the Council's subsidiary bodies might be reviewed so as to avoid duplication, thereby maximizing the utilization of scarce conference-servicing resources.

58. The Committee was assured by the Secretariat that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 49/221 A in the drafting of the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996 and 1997 in the economic, social and related fields.

Conclusions and recommendations

59. The Committee recommended the adoption of the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council for 1996-1997 with the amendments read out by the representative of the Secretariat (E/1995/L.20).

60. The Committee also recommended, in view of the difficult financial situation of the Organization, that the Council continue to consider the biennialization of meetings of subsidiary bodies, taking into account the substantive needs of the bodies concerned. In that connection, requests for an annual cycle of meetings should be based on substantive reasons.

61. The Committee was apprised of the possibility of requests for open-ended, ad hoc meetings and noted with concern the possible adverse effect of such meetings on the efficient utilization of conference-servicing resources.

E. Requests for exceptions to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243

Introduction and overview

62. At its 381st meeting, on 21 August 1995, the Committee considered a note by its secretariat (A/AC.172/1995/CRP.4 and Add.1) containing requests from subsidiary bodies for exceptions to be made to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, which states that no subsidiary organ of the Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

63. In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee, the requests included explanations as to (a) why the bodies wished to meet; (b) why they had not completed their work by the deadline of 1 September laid down in section I, paragraph 6, of resolution 40/243; (c) why it was necessary to meet during the Assembly session; and (d) how many meetings would be required. Statistical information was also provided on the number of meetings, if any, the bodies concerned had held during the forty-ninth session of the Assembly and the efficiency with which they had utilized the resources made available to them.

Conclusions and recommendations

64. The Committee on Conferences recommended to the General Assembly that it explicitly authorize the following bodies to meet in New York during the fiftieth session of the Assembly, on the understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated as facilities and services became available so that the activities of the Assembly itself were not adversely affected: Committee on Relations with the Host Country; Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People; Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund; and Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa.

65. The Committee, having noted with concern that in the past the Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations had not utilized the conference services put at its disposal for a total of more than two meetings, and that the Committee on Conferences had not been seized of the matter at an appropriate time during its substantive session, also recommended to the General Assembly that it explicitly authorize the Preparatory Committee to hold up to 10 meetings in New York during the fiftieth session of the Assembly, on the understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated as facilities and services became available so that the activities of the Assembly itself were not adversely affected.

66. The Committee encouraged the Secretariat, to the extent possible, to dovetail the aforementioned meetings with other meetings so that full three-hour meeting periods could be effectively utilized.

67. The Committee requested the Secretariat, when drafting the letters of authorization to the aforementioned bodies, to include data on the total time that each body had not utilized in the past when it met during the General Assembly and to encourage the bodies in question to make the most effective use of conference resources possible.

II. CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION: PROVISION OF WRITTEN MEETING RECORDS TO SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Introduction and overview

68. In paragraph 3 of its resolution 49/221 B of 23 December 1994, the General Assembly requested the following bodies to submit, in accordance with existing procedures, to the Assembly at its fiftieth session, through the Committee on Conferences, justifications for the continuation of the current entitlement to meeting records:

(a) United Nations Administrative Tribunal (when holding oral hearings);

(b) Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

(c) First Committee;

(d) Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

(e) Subsidiary organs of the General Assembly that meet on the occasion of international days of solidarity proclaimed by the Assembly;

(f) Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

69. At its 381st meeting, on 21 August 1995, the Committee reviewed a note by the Secretariat on the provision of written meeting records to subsidiary organs of the General Assembly (A/50/263 and Add.1).

Discussion

70. All the bodies, apart from two, had sent replies containing justifications for the continuance of their current entitlement to meeting records. The two bodies that had accepted alterations in their entitlements were the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The former had decided to replace its verbatim records by summary records and the latter had agreed that, beginning with its thirty-eighth session, in 1996, it would be provided with unedited transcripts of its sessions in lieu of verbatim records.

71. In response to questions, the Secretariat confirmed that the use of unedited transcripts, as envisaged by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, which would involve the preparation of transcripts in the various languages from tape recordings of meetings, including the interpretation channels, would be considerably less costly than either verbatim or summary records, as currently prepared. Considerable interest was expressed in the wider use of unedited transcripts, and it was felt that the attention of all bodies currently entitled to written meeting records should be drawn to the innovation that had been proposed by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Conclusions and recommendations

72. The Committee took note of the justifications provided and recommended to the General Assembly that the current entitlement to meeting records of the following bodies be continued: United Nations Administrative Tribunal (when holding hearings); First Committee; Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (when holding meetings in observance of international days of solidarity proclaimed by the General Assembly); Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

73. The Committee also took note with satisfaction of the decision of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to replace its verbatim records by summary records, and recommended that the General Assembly endorse the Special Committee's decision.

74. In addition, the Committee took note with interest of the decision taken by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to replace its verbatim records by unedited transcripts. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to keep the Assembly informed, through the Committee on Conferences, of that body's experience regarding unedited transcripts so that the Assembly could draw upon that experience for the future.

75. The Committee also decided to request its Chairman to write to the chairmen of other bodies, drawing their attention, in the context of the need to make the most effective use of scarce conference resources by fully utilizing available technological innovations, to the potential economies of making more general use of unedited transcripts in place of more labour-intensive summary or verbatim records and to review their own requirements in that light, pending further information from the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on its experience with unedited verbatim transcripts.

III. REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997: CONFERENCE SERVICES

Introduction and overview

76. At its 327th meeting, on 12 June 1991, the Committee on Conferences decided to review the relevant programme narrative of the proposed programme budget for conference services, and to provide its views thereon to the General Assembly.

77. In addition, at its 378th meeting, on 22 November 1994, the Committee reviewed the final text of the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive study on conference services (A/C.5/49/34 and Corr.1) and concluded that it served as a basis for presenting proposals for the 1996-1997 programme budget.

78. Moreover, at its 346th meeting, on 17 May 1993, the Committee drew attention to the importance of forecasting and planning, and requested the Secretariat to present information on the long-range plan and the detailed time-frame for the introduction of each new application of new technology at each duty station.

79. Furthermore, in paragraph 7 of its resolution 49/221 B of 23 December 1994, the General Assembly took note of the content of annex II to the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, 2/ and requested the Secretariat to follow up on it and to report thereon to the Committee at its substantive session of 1995.

80. At its 384th meeting, on 22 August 1995, in the context of the Committee's consideration of the proposed programme budget for conference services for the biennium 1996-1997, 3/ the Secretariat made oral reports on actions taken to implement recommendations arising from the comprehensive study on conference services in New York and on the application of technology. At the same meeting, in the context of the programme budget proposals, the Secretariat presented an oral report on the follow-up to the content of annex II to the report of the Committee on Conferences referred to above.

Discussion

81. The Committee was informed by the Secretariat of the measures already taken to introduce new technologies in the areas of translation, document processing, the use of optical disk technology, video-conferencing, remote translation and the compilation of meeting schedules and United Nations documentation on the INTERNET, and noted with interest the scope offered by such innovations for enhancing efficiency, effecting staff reductions and improving the availability of information on the work of the Organization.

82. Attention was drawn to the letter that had been sent to the Secretary-General by the representatives of 18 Member States requesting the inclusion in the agenda of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Multilingualism" and to the draft resolution contained in document A/50/147, the idea of which was supported by a number of other delegations in the Committee on Conferences. In that connection, the delegation of France submitted a statement, which is contained in annex I to the present report.

83. Attention was drawn to evidence in the documentation before the Committee that, in recent years, established posts had sometimes remained vacant, or had been abolished, at a time when the demand for language services had been increasing. The Secretariat explained that there were often delays in filling vacant posts, whether by promotion or by recruitment at the entry levels, and that, at such times, it was necessary to make use of temporary assistance. However, the use of advanced technology, as well as improved management and increased productivity, had largely enabled the Secretariat to cope with the growth in demand for language and documentation services.

Conclusions and recommendations

84. The Committee took note of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 submitted by the Secretary-General, and also took note of the assurances given by the Secretariat that the budget would enable it to cope with the expected demand for conference services.

85. The Committee felt that the introduction of the technology-intensive methods of work in the translation services had much to recommend it as a means of ensuring the provision to Member States of a high-quality translation service in the most timely and cost-effective manner, and was in favour of the more rapid introduction of new technology.

86. While welcoming technological innovations, particularly those leading to paperless work methods, the Committee felt that these should be introduced in full consultation with Member States and, as appropriate, in coordination with relevant intergovernmental bodies, including the working group on informatics established under the Economic and Social Council.

87. The Committee welcomed the initiative of the Secretariat in contacting delegations to ask them to express their opinions on the quality of the conference services provided, noted with appreciation that it was planned to carry out a more wide-ranging survey and encouraged the Secretariat to organize such surveys regularly. There was also support for the proposal that the Secretariat should brief delegations on the new technologies.

88. The Committee recalled the principle of the equality of the official languages and emphasized the need for strict compliance with the resolutions and rules establishing language arrangements for the different bodies and organs of the United Nations.

89. In particular, it recalled the need to ensure the availability of the necessary resources to guarantee the timely translation of documents into the different official and working languages of the Organization and to ensure their simultaneous distribution in those languages.

90. The Committee took note of the oral report presented by a representative of the Secretariat in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 49/221 B, welcomed the actions taken to improve the quality of translation into all official languages, in particular the efforts of the Arabic Translation Service to implement the proposal of the delegation of Egypt, 4/ and encouraged the Secretariat to pursue its efforts towards implementing phase II of the proposal of Egypt.

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Membership

91. The General Assembly, in its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, decided to retain the Committee on Conferences as a permanent subsidiary organ. Pursuant to that resolution, the Committee in 1995 was composed of the following Member States: Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Chile, Egypt, Fiji, France, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Morocco, Niger, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal and United States of America.

B. Officers

92. The Committee elected the following officers to serve in 1995:

Chairman: Mr. Fernando Varela (Chile)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Hasan M Jawarneh (Jordan)
Ms. Mara Treimanis (Latvia)
Mr. El Hassane Zahid (Morocco)

Rapporteur: Mr. Peter Maddens (Belgium)

93. At its organizational session for 1995 (379th meeting), on 23 March 1995, the Committee agreed in principle that the Chairman would undertake informal consultations with a view to determining the composition of the Committee's Bureau in 1996.

C. Organization of work

94. At its 379th meeting, the Committee agreed to meet as required to take up matters related to the calendar of conferences and its implementation, in particular the consideration of inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar. At the same meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to submit a draft agenda for 1996 at the organizational session to be held early in 1996. The Committee met on 21 June (380th meeting) to consider the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council for 1996-1997. The Committee convened its substantive session on 21, 22 and 24 August 1995 (381st to 386th meetings).

D. Programme of work

95. At its organizational session for 1994, on 8 April 1994, the Committee had requested the Secretariat to submit to it, at its organizational session for 1995, a draft agenda for 1995-1996, which was subsequently issued in document A/AC.172/1995/CRP.1 and adopted by the Committee.

96. The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services and the Director of Conference Services, respectively, addressed the Committee at the opening of its organizational and substantive sessions.

97. Members of the Committee took a tour of selected areas of the Office of Conference and Support Services on 23 August 1995, which included a hands-on demonstration of optical disk applications.

V. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE DURING THE FORTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FROM 20 SEPTEMBER TO 23 DECEMBER 1994

98. No meetings were held by the Committee on Conferences during the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly. However, the Committee was seized with the following requests:

Committee	Request	Action taken
Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)	To convene its third substantive session in New York, rather than at Nairobi, the headquarters of the substantive secretariat for the Conference	Recommended to the General Assembly that it grant an exception to section I, paragraph 4, of resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the Preparatory Committee to meet away from its established headquarters
Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa	To convene a two-week session at Nairobi, rather than at Geneva, the headquarters of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee	Recommended to the General Assembly that it grant an exception to section I, paragraph 4, of resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to meet away from its established headquarters
High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Mid-term Global Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s	To convene in New York, rather than at Geneva, the headquarters of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	Recommended to the General Assembly that it not grant an exception to section I, paragraph 4, of resolution 40/243, thereby not authorizing the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to meet away from its established headquarters
Meeting of governmental experts of island developing countries, donor countries and development and trade-related institutions	To convene in New York, rather than at Geneva, the headquarters of UNCTAD	Request withdrawn

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/49/32/Rev.1), annex I.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/49/32/Rev.1).

3/ Ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1), vol. II, sects. 15-19, 26E and 26H.

4/ Ibid., Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/49/32/Rev.1), annex II.

ANNEX I

Statement by the delegation of France

1. On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, the French delegation wishes to recall the fundamental importance of cultural diversity in the development of a harmonious and rich international life.

2. With regard to the functioning of the Organization, this principle must be implemented in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly through the equal treatment due to the official and working languages of the United Nations.

3. However, in the various organs, on different occasions, constraints on this essential equality have been noted. The justifications provided are of various kinds: financial motives, non-availability of interpretation or translation services or the need to work on an urgent basis.

4. The lack of reaction on the part of delegations, or even their renunciation, under pressure of time, of the right to work and have access to documentation in the official language of their choice might lead to acceptance of a United Nations that is practically monolingual.

5. Any failure by the Organization to respect multilingualism, which is its rule and to which it should strictly conform, would lead to the deterioration and impoverishment of exchanges, the development of stereotypes, bureaucratization and the falling off of interest in the United Nations among peoples and would thus constitute neither a simplification nor a saving nor an advance.

6. Member States must exercise vigilance and should demand, on every occasion, the treatment to which they are entitled, which implies, in particular, that the Secretariat should seek to use in its relations with Member States the official language of their choice. This exigency has, of course, consequences with regard to the linguistic skills that one is entitled to expect from United Nations officials.

7. With regard to the interpretation and translation services, the staffing has not kept pace with the growth of the activities of the various organs of the United Nations in recent years. As a consequence of this, there are delays in making documents available in the official languages, and meetings are postponed because there are no teams of interpreters, both of which factors constitute impediments to the smooth operation of the Organization. The obvious solution is that the interpretation and translation services should have the staff and means that, in spite of the budgetary constraint, will be adequate to cope with an increasing workload.

8. The holding of "informal" meetings without interpretation or the circulation of "informal" documents in one language only can in no event constitute an acceptable solution to bridge these gaps.

9. Cultural linguistic diversity is a choice that the United Nations is perfectly capable of assuming if it shows the necessary vision and determination.

ANNEX II

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations and of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the biennium 1996-1997

Explanatory notes

The following abbreviations are used in the annex:

In the column headed "Organ"

ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICSC	International Civil Service Commission
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INSTRAW	International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
NGO	Non-governmental organization
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund

UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNU	United Nations University
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization

In the column headed "Membership"

G	Governments
E	Experts
ST	Secretariat or secretariats

In the column headed "Servicing"

I	Interpretation
T	Translation
PV	Verbatim records
SR	Summary records

A. Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 1996

(as at 30 August 1995)

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
1.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124 and 47/94]	8-12 January	New York	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
2.	Economic and Social Council - Working Group on the review of the arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations, third session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/304]	8-19 January	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
3.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, eleventh session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	8-26 January	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
4.	Ad Hoc Group of Governmental Experts on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	8-26 January	Geneva	132 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
5.	Military Staff Committee [Charter]	12 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV	Every second Friday

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
6.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	15-19 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
7.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, fifteenth session [General Assembly resolution 34/180]	15 January-2 February	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
8.	States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 16th meeting [General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)]	16 January	New York	137 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
9.	UNICEF - Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	22-26 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
10.	Economic and Social Council - Election of Bureau [Charter]	25 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
11.	Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	29 January-2 February	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
12. Commission on the Rights of the Child - Working Group on a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/35]	29 January-9 February	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
13. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, resumed 1995 session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/307]	January (1 week)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
14. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	January (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
15. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
16. Commission for Social Development, special session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/248]	January/ February (8 days)	New York	32 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
17. INSTRAW - Board of Trustees, sixteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	January/ February (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
18. Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	January/ February (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
19. Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	January/ April (10 weeks)	Geneva	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
20. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	1 February-29 March	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
21. Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), third session [General Assembly resolution 49/109]	5-16 February	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
22. Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, eighth session [General Assembly resolution 47/188]	5-16 February	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
23. Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	6-9 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
24. Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, second session [Economic and Social Council decision 1992/218]	12-22 February	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
25. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, thirty-third session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	12-23 February	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
26. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	26 February	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
27. Commission on Population and Development, twenty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII) and 1147 (XLI)]	26 February-1 March	New York	27 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
28. Commission on Sustainable Development - Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Sectoral Issues [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/235]	26 February-1 March	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
29. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms [Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/38]	26 February-8 March	Geneva	43 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
30. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Working Group on Electronic Data Interchange, thirtieth session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	26 February-8 March	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
31. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	26 February-15 March	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
32. United Nations/FAO World Food Programme Pledging Conference [General Assembly resolution 2095 (XX)]	February (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
33. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, organizational session [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	February (1-2 meetings)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV b/	
34. Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	February/ March (2-3 days)	Geneva	27 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
35. Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	4-8 March	New York	160 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
36.	Commission on Sustainable Development - Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Finance [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/235]	4-8 March	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
37.	Committee on Natural Resources, third session [Economic and Social Council decisions 1992/218 and 1993/302]	4-15 March	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
38.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	5-14 March	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
39.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice - Meetings of the Committee of the Whole and Working Groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/242]	5-14 March	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
40.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	11-15 March	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
41.	Commission on Sustainable Development - Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests, second session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/226]	11-15 March	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
42. UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-fourth session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	11-15 March (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
43. Commission on the Status of Women, fortieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 11 (II), 1147 (XLI) and 1987/21]	11-22 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
44. Commission on the Status of Women - Working Group to Consider the Report on Elements for an Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/29]	11-22 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
45. International Seabed Authority - Assembly, second session, first part [General Assembly resolution 48/263]	11-29 March	Kingston	160 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
46. Human Rights Committee, fifty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	18 March-4 April	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
47. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Legal Subcommittee, thirty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	18 March-4 April	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
48. Commission on Human Rights, fifty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	18 March-26 April	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
49. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	25-29 March	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
50. UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, fourteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67 and General Assembly resolution 49/130]	March (1 week)	Geneva	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
51. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, third session [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	March (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
52. General Assembly, resumed fiftieth session on the question "Public administration and development" [General Assembly resolution 49/136]	March-April (2 weeks)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV/SR c/	
53. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
54. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	March/July (3-5 meetings per week)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV b/	Two sessions per year
55. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Working Group on Insolvency Law, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	1-12 April	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
56. Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	1-26 April	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
57. Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, eighth session [General Assembly resolution 34/180]	2 April	New York	139 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
58. UNICEF - Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolution 57 (I) and 48/162]	8-12 April	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
59. Commission on Sustainable Development, fourth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	8 or 15-26 April	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
60. Ad Hoc Group of Governmental Experts on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	9-19 April	Geneva	132 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
61. ICSC, forty-third session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	9 April-3 May	Vienna	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
62. ECE, fifty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	15-23 April	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	-	One session per year
63. Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	15 April-10 May	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
64. Statistical Commission - Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1306 (XLIV)]	16-19 April	New York	10-12 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
65. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, thirty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	16-25 April	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
66. Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	18-23 April	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
67.	Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	30 April-10 May	New York	160 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
68.	Committee against Torture, sixteenth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	30 April-10 May	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
69.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, fourteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	30 April-17 May	Geneva	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
70.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	April (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
71.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	April (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
72.	ECA - Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole, seventeenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	April	Addis Ababa	51 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
73.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decision 1995/304]	April/May (2 weeks)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
74.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	April/May (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
75.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/31]	April/May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	To be deter-mined	T	-	
76.	ECA - Twenty-second meeting of the Conference of Ministers, thirty-first session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	April/May	Addis Ababa	51 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
77.	ESCAP, fifty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	April/May	Bangkok	48 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year
78.	ECLAC, twenty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI), Economic and Social Council decision 1985/188 and ECLAC resolution 465 (XX)]	April/May	San Jose	42 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session every two years

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
79. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	1 May-12 July	New York/ Geneva/ Vienna/ Regional Commission/ Peace-keeping Mission	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
80. Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	2-3 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
81. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	6 May	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
82. Committee on Information, eighteenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	6-17 May	New York	88 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
83. International Narcotics Control Board, sixtieth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	13-24 May	Vienna	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
84. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, fifteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1994/279]	20-24 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
85. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/4 and 1995/39]	20-24 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
86. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twelfth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	20 May-7 June	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
87. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, twenty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	28 May-14 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
88. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, fifteenth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	May (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
89. Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	May/June (7 weeks)	Geneva	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
90. Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-sixth session, first part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May/June (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
91. International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]	May/June (3 weeks)	Geneva	30 G	I (EFS)	-	-	One session per year
92. International Law Commission, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	May/July (12 weeks)	Geneva	34 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
93. UNICEF - Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	3-7 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
94. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	3-7 June	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	-	One session per year
95. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, forty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	3-7 June	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
96. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	3-14 June	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
97. United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), [General Assembly resolution 47/180]	3-14 June*	Istanbul	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
98. Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	10-14 June	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
99. United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)]	10-21 June	New York	80 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

* To be preceded by pre-conference consultations on 1 and 2 June, subject to the approval of the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
100.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	10-21 June	Geneva	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
101.	Committee on Contributions, fifty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	10-28 June	New York	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
102.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	17-21 June	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
103.	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, forty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	17-21 June	Vienna	21 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
104.	Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	24 June-26 July	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
105.	United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	26-28 June	New York	3 E	-	-	-	One session per year
106.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, first session [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	June (1 week)	New York	21 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
107.	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, twenty-seventh session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	First half (1 week)	Geneva	d/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
108.	UNCTAD - Regional Symposium for the Newly Independent and Developing Land-locked States in Central Asia [General Assembly resolution 49/102]	First half (4 days)	Geneva	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
109.	UNCTAD - Preparatory Committee for the Review Conference on the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences [article 52 of the Convention]	First half	Geneva	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
110.	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, ninth session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)]	First half*	Geneva	d/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
111.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, African Region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	Second quarter	Addis Ababa	51 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year

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	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
112.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	Second quarter	A capital in the region	20 G	I (AE)	T	-	One session per year
113.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	1-5 July	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
114.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, twelfth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	1-12 July	Geneva	14 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
115.	Ad Hoc Group of Governmental Experts on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	1-26 July	Geneva	132 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
116.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	1 July-2 August	Geneva	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV e/	Two sessions per year

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
117. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Working Group on International Contract Practices, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	8-19 July	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
118. Human Rights Committee, fifty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	8-26 July	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
119. Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	29 July-2 August	New York	160 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
120. ICSC, forty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	29 July-9 August	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
121. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board [General Assembly resolutions 248 (III) and 46/220]	July (2 weeks)	Turin	33 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session every two years
122. Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	July (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
123.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	July (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
124.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (1 day)	Turin	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
125.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (1 day)	Turin	15 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
126.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, forty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	July/August (4 weeks)	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
127.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	July/August (20 meetings)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV b/	Two sessions per year
128.	International Seabed Authority - Assembly, second session, second part [General Assembly resolution 48/263]	5-16 August	Kingston	160 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
129.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, forty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	5-23 August	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
130.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, forty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	19-23 August	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
131.	Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	August/ September (7 weeks)	Geneva	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
132.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-sixth session, second part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	August/ September (2 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
133.	UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-fourth session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	2-6 September (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
134.	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, ninth session [General Assembly resolution 47/188]	3-13 September	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
135.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	3 September-December	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
136.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	9-13 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
137.	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, twenty-eighth session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVIII)]	9-13 September	Geneva	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
138.	Ad Hoc Group of Governmental Experts on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	9-27 September	Geneva	132 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
139.	Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	12 September	New York	124 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
140.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	16 September	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
141.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, sixteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1994/279]	16-20 September	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
142.	UNICEF - Executive Board, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	16-20 September*	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
143.	General Assembly, fifty-first session [Charter]	17 September-December	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV/SR c/	
144.	UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, forty-second session, second part [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	23 September-4 October	Geneva	d/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
145.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, thirteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	23 September-11 October	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year

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	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
146.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, resumed first session [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	September (2 weeks)	New York	21 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
147.	Scientific and Technical Committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, eighth session [General Assembly resolution 44/236]	September (1 week)	Geneva	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
148.	UNRWA - Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)	Vienna	10 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
149.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/ October (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
150.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific Region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	Third quarter (1 week)	Bangkok	48 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
151.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and Caribbean Region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	Third quarter (1 week)	Santiago	42 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
152.	UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, fifteenth session [General Assembly resolution 35/63]	7-11 October	Geneva	d/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
153.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Working Group on Insolvency Law, twentieth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	7-18 October	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
154.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	14-18 October	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
155.	Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	14-18 October	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
156.	UNCTAD - Commission on International Investments and Transnational Corporations, twenty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1913 (LVII) and General Assembly resolution 49/130]	14-18 October	Geneva	48 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
157.	UNCTAD - Review Conference on the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences [article 52 of Convention]	21 October-1 November	Geneva	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
158.	Human Rights Committee, fifty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	21 October-8 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
159.	International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-first session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	28 October-14 November	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
160.	UNHCR - Executive Committee, forty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	50 G	I (ACEFS)	T	SR	One session per year
161.	Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	October (3 days)	New York	34 G 27 ST	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
162.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October (2-3 days)	New York	27 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
163.	Special High-level Council for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, fifth session [General Assembly resolution 44/236]	October (1 day)	Geneva	6 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
164.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/ November (5 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV a/	Two sessions per year
165.	Committee against Torture, seventeenth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	11-22 November	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
166.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Working Group on International Contract Practices, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	11-22 November	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
167.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fiftieth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	13-22 November	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
168.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	25 November	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
169.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, seventeenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1994/279]	27 November-6 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
170.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People - Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	29 November	New York	23 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
171.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, fifteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	November (2 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
172.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	November (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
173.	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
174.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
175.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
176.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 645 G (XXIII) and 1989/104]	2-13 December	Geneva	14 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session every two years
177.	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolution 347 (IV)]	3-11 December	New York	9 E	I (EF)	-	-	One session per year
178.	United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	12-13 December	New York	3 E	-	-	-	

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
179. Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV)]	December (1 week)	Geneva	25 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session every two years
180. UNU - Council, forty-third session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
181. UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	-	-	-	
182. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, thirty-first session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	December (2 days)	New York	13 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
183. Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
184. UNCTAD - Special Committee on Preferences, twenty-third session [UNCTAD resolution 77 (III)]	Fourth quarter (1 week)	Geneva	d/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
185. Trusteeship Council (and drafting Committees) [Charter]	As required	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV b/	As required
186. Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	As required

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
187. Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1st meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
188. Security Council - Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
189. Security Council - Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
190. Security Council - Committee on Council Meetings Away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
191. Security Council - Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	New York	3 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
192. Security Council - Ad Hoc Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	New York	4 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
193. Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
194.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
195.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
196.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
197.	Security Council - Ad Hoc Commission established under Security Council resolution 794 (1992)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
198.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
199.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
200.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
201.	Security Council - Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 687 (1991)	As required	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
202. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	The Hague	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
203. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	As required	Arusha	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
204. Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
205. Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required

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206.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	New York	23 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
207.	United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (EF)	T	-	As required
208.	Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]	As required	New York	21 G	I (AEFRS)	T	-	As required
209.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
210.	UNICEF - Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
211.	UNCTAD - other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision 7 (I)]	As required (up to 12 weeks)	Geneva	d/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
212.	UNCTAD - other working parties, study groups and expert groups (convened by virtue of a special resolution in each particular case)	As required (up to 10 weeks)	Geneva	G or E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
213. UNCTAD - other meetings of ad hoc working groups [Trade and Development Board decision 398 (XXXVIII)]	As required (up to 8 weeks)	Geneva	d/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
214. Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements [General Assembly resolution 957 (X)]	If required	New York	29 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	If required
215. Committee for Development Planning, thirty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined (1 week)	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
216. Commission on Sustainable Development - Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests, third session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/226]	To be determined (1 week)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
217. Meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
218. First Meeting of the States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [General Assembly resolution 45/158]	To be determined (1 day)	New York	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years after the Convention enters into force

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
219. Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-sixth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	To be determined	New York	5 G	-	-	-	Two sessions per year
220. Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-seventh session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	To be determined	New York	5 G	-	-	-	Two sessions per year
221. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa [General Assembly resolution 2431 (XXIII)]	To be determined	New York	13 G	I (EFRS)	T	-	As required
222. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group I [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
223. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group II [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
224. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group III [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
225.	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [General Assembly resolution 45/158]	To be determined	Geneva	14 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year once the Convention enters into force
226.	Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	To be determined	Geneva	5 E	To be deter-mined	T	-	One session per year
227.	Meeting between the secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the secretariats of the United Nations system [General Assembly resolution 37/4]	To be determined	To be determined	27 ST	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
228.	Meeting between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States [General Assembly resolution 45/82]	To be determined	To be determined	27 ST	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
229.	World Food Council, ministerial session [General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)]	To be determined	To be determined	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

B. List of bodies whose mandates are to be presented for renewal to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session

Organ	Dates (1996)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
Fourteenth United Nations Pledging Conference for the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme	October (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean	To be determined	New York	44 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization	To be determined	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	To be determined	New York	9 G	I (EF)	T	-	
Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories	To be determined	Geneva	3 G	I (AEF)	T	PV c/	

a/ The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. Languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned and, in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, according to the actual requirements when these are less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

b/ For plenary meetings only.

c/ It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary meetings and First Committee meetings only.

d/ Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

e/ When holding oral hearings.

C. Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency for 1996

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location
1.	WHO - Executive Board, ninety-seventh session	15-24 January	Geneva
2.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and forty-seventh session	15 January-2 February	Montreal
3.	IFAD - Governing Council, nineteenth session	17-19 January	Rome
4.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and forty-seventh session	19 February-22 March	Montreal
5.	ILO - Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and sixty-fifth session	14-28 March	Geneva
6.	IAEA - Board of Governors	18 March	Vienna
7.	UPU - Postal Operations Council	15-26 April	Berne
8.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and forty-eighth session	22 April-10 May	Montreal
9.	UNIDO - Industrial Development Board, fifteenth session	6-10 May	Vienna
10.	IAEA - Administrative and Budgetary Committee	13-16 May	Vienna
11.	WHO - World Health Assembly, forty-ninth session	20-25 May	Geneva
12.	WHO - Executive Board, ninety-eighth session	27-28 May	Geneva
13.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and forty-eighth session	27 May-28 June	Montreal
14.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and forty-ninth session	May/June	Paris
15.	ILO - General Conference, eighty-third session	4-21 June	Geneva
16.	IAEA - Board of Governors	10 June	Vienna
17.	WMO - Executive Council, forty-eighth session	11-21 June	Geneva

	Organ	Dates (1996)	Location
18.	ILO - Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and sixty-sixth session	22 June	Geneva
19.	IMO - Council, seventy-sixth session	June	London
20.	ITU - Council	June	Geneva
21.	UNIDO - Programme and Budget Committee, twelfth session	2-6 September	Vienna
22.	IAEA - Board of Governors	9 September	Vienna
23.	IAEA - General Conference	16-20 September	Vienna
24.	IAEA - Board of Governors	23 September	Vienna
25.	WIPO - Governing Body	23 September-2 October	Geneva
26.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and forty-ninth session	23 September-18 October	Montreal
27.	UPU - Council of Administration	September or October	Berne
28.	IMF/World Bank - Joint annual meeting of the Board of Governors	1-3 October	Washington, D.C.
29.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and fiftieth session	October	Paris
30.	ILO - Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and sixty-seventh session	7-21 November	Geneva
31.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and forty-ninth session	12 November-13 December	Montreal
32.	UNIDO - Industrial Development Board, sixteenth session	18-22 November	Vienna
33.	FAO - Council, one hundred and eleventh session	19-28 November	Rome
34.	IMO - Council, seventy-seventh session	November	London
35.	IAEA - Board of Governors	5 December	Vienna

D. Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 1997

(as at 30 August 1995)

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
1.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, fourteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	6-24 January	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
2.	Military Staff Committee [Charter]	10 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV	Every second Friday
3.	Economic and Social Council - Election of Bureau [Charter]	23 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
4.	Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	27-31 January	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
5.	UNEP - Governing Council, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 42/185]	27 January-7 February	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
6.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124 and 47/94]							

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
7.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	January (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
8.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	January (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
9.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
10.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, sixteenth session [General Assembly resolution 34/180]	January/ February (2 weeks)	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
11.	Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	January/ February (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
12.	Commission on Human Rights, fifty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	January-March (6 weeks)	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
13.	Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	January/ April (10 weeks)	Geneva	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
14.	Fourteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific [Economic and Social Council decisions 1991/222 and 1993/327]	3-14 February	Bangkok	48 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	one session every three years
15.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	3 February-28 March	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
16.	Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	4-7 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
17.	Statistical Commission, twenty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)]	10-14 February	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
18.	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, twenty-ninth session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	17-21 February	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
19.	Commission on Population and Development, thirtieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII) and 1147 (XLI)]	24-28 February	New York	27 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
20.	UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, fifteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67 and General Assembly resolution 49/130]	24-28 February	Geneva	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
21.	Commission for Social Development, thirty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1147 (XLI)]	25 February-6 March	New York	32 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
22.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	February (2 weeks)	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
23.	UNICEF - Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	February (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
24.	INSTRAW - Board of Trustees, seventeenth session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	February (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
25.	Fifth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child [General Assembly resolution 44/25]	February (1 day)	New York	162 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
26.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 284 (III)]	February (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
27.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, organizational session [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	February (1-2 meetings)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV c/	
28.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fiftieth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	February/ March (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
29.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	February/ March (2-3 days)	Geneva	27 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
30.	ICSC, forty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	3-21 March	New York	15 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
31.	Commission on the Status of Women, forty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 11 (II), 1147 (XLI) and 1987/21]	10-21 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
32.	UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, forty-third session, first part [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	10-21 March	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
33.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	17-21 March	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
34.	Human Rights Committee, fifty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	24 March-11 April	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
35.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decision 1995/304]	31 March-11 April	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
36.	Group of governmental experts to prepare a report on the continuing operation of the Register of Conventional Arms and its further development [General Assembly resolution 49/75 C]	March (2 weeks)	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
37.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	March (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
38.	UNICEF - Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolution 57 (I) and 48/162]	March (4-5 days)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
39.	Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	March (4 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
40.	UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-fifth session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	March (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
41.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Legal Subcommittee, thirty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	March/April (3 weeks)	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
42.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, fortieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	March/April (8 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
43.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	March/April (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
44.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
45.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 XVI)]	March/July (3-5 meetings per week)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV c/	Two sessions per year
46.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	First quarter (2 weeks)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
47.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Working Group on Electronic Data Interchange, thirty-first session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	First quarter (2 weeks)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
48.	Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	First quarter (1-2 weeks)	New York	160 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
49.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, thirtieth session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	7-25 April	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
50.	Commission on Sustainable Development, fifth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	7 or 14-25 April	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
51.	Commission on Science and Technology for Development, third session [Economic and Social Council decision 1992/218]	9-18 April	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
52.	ECE, fifty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	14-22 April	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	-	One session per year
53.	Committee against Torture, eighteenth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	28 April-9 May	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
54.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, second session [annex II, article 2 (5) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	April (2 weeks)	New York	21 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
55.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	April (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
56.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	April (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
57.	ECA - Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	April	Addis Ababa	51 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
58.	ECA - twenty-third meeting of the Conference of Ministers, thirty-second session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	April	Addis Ababa	51 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
59.	Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	April/May (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
60.	Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	April/May (3-4 weeks)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
61.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	April/May (2 weeks)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
62.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	April/May (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
63.	Commission on Human Settlements, sixteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 32/162]	April/May (8 days)	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
64.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/31]	April/May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	To be deter-mined	T	-	
65.	ESCAP, fifty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	April/May	Bangkok	48 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year
66.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	1-2 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
67.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	1 May-15 July	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
68.	International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-second session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	5-16 May	Vienna	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
69.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, sixteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	5-23 May	Geneva	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
70.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1994/279]	19-23 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
71.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, fifteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	19 May-6 June	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
72.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/4 and 1995/39]	26-30 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
73.	Committee on Information, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	May (2 weeks)	New York	88 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
74.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, sixteenth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	May (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
75.	UNICEF - Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	May (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
76.	Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	May (1 week)	New York	160 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
77.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	May (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
78.	Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	May/June (7 weeks)	Geneva	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
79.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May/June (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
80.	International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]	May/June (3 weeks)	Geneva	30 G	I (EFS)	-	-	One session per year
81.	High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, tenth session [General Assembly resolution 33/134]	May/June (1 week)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
82.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	May/June (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	-	One session per year
83.	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, forty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	May/June (1 week)	Vienna	21 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
84.	International Law Commission, forty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	May/July (12 weeks)	Geneva	34 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
85.	Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/225]	2-6 June	New York	48 G	I (EFS)	T	-	
86.	Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	9-13 June	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
87.	UNCTAD - Special Committee on Preferences, twenty-fourth session [UNCTAD resolution 77 (III)]	23-27 June	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
88.	Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	23 June-25 July	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
89.	United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	25-27 June	New York	3 E	-	-	-	One session per year
90.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	June (2 weeks)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
91.	Group of governmental experts to prepare a report on the continuing operation of the Register of Conventional Arms and its further development [General Assembly resolution 49/75 C]	June (2 weeks)	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
92.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, fortieth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A XIV)]	June (2 weeks)	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
93.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	June (1 week)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
94.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	June (1 week)	New York	15 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
95.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-first session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	June (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
96.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	June/July (5 weeks)	Geneva	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV d/	Two sessions per year
97.	Committee on Contributions, fifty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	June/July (3 weeks)	New York	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
98.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, African Region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	Second quarter (1 week)	Addis Ababa	51 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
99.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	Second quarter	A capital in the region	20 G	I (AE)	T	-	One session per year
100.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	7-11 July	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
101.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, thirteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	7-18 July	Geneva	14 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
102.	ICSC, forty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	7-25 July	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
103.	Human Rights Committee, sixtieth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	14 July-1 August	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
104.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	July (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
105.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 XLVIII)]	July (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
106.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, forty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	July/August (4 weeks)	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
107.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	July/August (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
108.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	July/August (20 meetings)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV c/	Two sessions per year
109.	Group of governmental experts to prepare a report on the continuing operation of the Register of Conventional Arms and its further development [General Assembly resolution 49/75 C]	August (2 weeks)	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
110.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-second session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	August (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
111.	Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	August/ September (7 weeks)	Geneva	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
112.	Thirteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [Economic and Social Council decision 1989/114]	August/ September (2 weeks)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
113.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	August/ September (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
114.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	2 September-December	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
115.	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirtieth session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	8-12 September	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year

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116. United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)]	8 and 19 September*	Tehran	80 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
117. Seventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/226]	9-18 September*	Tehran	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
118. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1994/279]	15-19 September	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
119. General Assembly, fifty-second session [Charter]	16 September-December	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV/SR e/	
120. UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, forty-third session, second part [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	22 September-3 October	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
121. Committee on the Rights of the Child, sixteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	22 September-10 October	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year

* Dates subject to confirmation.

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122. Commission on Limits of the Continental Shelf, resumed second session [annex II, article 2 (5) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	September (2 weeks)	New York	21 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
123. UNICEF - Executive Board, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	September (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
124. Scientific and Technical Committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, ninth session [General Assembly resolution 44/236]	September (1 week)	Geneva	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
125. UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-fifth session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	September (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
126. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
127. UNRWA - Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)	Vienna	10 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
128. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/ October (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year

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129. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Working Group on International Contract Practices, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	Third quarter (2 weeks)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
130. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Working Group on Electronic Data Interchange, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	Third quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
131. Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	Third quarter (1-2 weeks)	New York	160 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
132. Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean Region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	Third quarter (1 week)	Santiago	42 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
133. Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific Region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	Third quarter (1 week)	Bangkok	48 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year

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134.	UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, sixteenth session [General Assembly resolution 35/63]	6-10 October	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
135.	UNCTAD - Commission on International Investments and Transnational Corporations, twenty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1913 (LVII) and General Assembly resolution 49/130]	13-17 October	Geneva	48 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
136.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	13-17 October	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
137.	Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	13-17 October	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
138.	Human Rights Committee, sixty-first session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	20 October-7 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
139.	UNHCR - Executive Committee, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	50 G	I (ACEFS)	T	SR	One session per year

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140. Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	October (3 days)	New York	34 G 27 ST	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
141. Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October (2-3 days)	New York	27 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
142. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	October (2 days)	New York	13 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
143. Special High-level Council for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, sixth session [General Assembly resolution 44/236]	October (1 day)	Geneva	6 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
144. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/ November (5 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV d/	Two sessions per year
145. International Narcotics Control Board, sixth-third session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	3-20 November	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year

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146.	Committee against Torture, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	10-21 November	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
147.	Sixth meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	26 November	Geneva	76 G	I (EFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
148.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1994/279]	26 November-5 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
149.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People - Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	29 November	New York	23 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
150.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, seventeenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	November (2 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year

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151.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-third session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	November (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T		
152.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	November (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
153.	Statistical Commission - Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1306 (XLIV)]	November (4 days)	Geneva	10 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
154.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	November (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
155.	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
156.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year

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157.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 1729 XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
158.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, fourteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	1-12 December	Geneva	14 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
159.	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolution 347 (IV)]	2-9 December	New York	9 E	I (EF)	-	-	One session per year
160.	United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	11-12 December	New York	3 E	-	-	-	
161.	UNU - Council, forty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
162.	UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	-	-	-	

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163.	Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
164.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	Fourth quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
165.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Working Group on International Contract Practices, twenty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	Fourth quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
166.	Trusteeship Council (and drafting Committees) [Charter]	As required	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV c/	As required
167.	Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	As required
168.	Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1st meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
169.	Security Council - Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
170.	Security Council - Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

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171.	Security Council - Committee on Council Meetings Away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
172.	Security Council Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	New York	3 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
173.	Security Council - Ad Hoc Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	New York	4 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
174.	Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
175.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
176.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
177.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

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178.	Security Council - Ad Hoc Commission established under Security Council resolution 794 (1992)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
179.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
180.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
181.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
182.	Security Council - Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 687 (1991)	As required	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
183.	International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	The Hague	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing a/			Periodicity
184.	International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	As required	Arusha	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
185.	Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
186.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	New York	23 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
187.	United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (EF)	T	-	As required
188.	Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]	As required	New York	21 G	I (AEFRS)	T	-	As required

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189.	Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
190.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
191.	UNICEF - Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
192.	UNCTAD - other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision 7 (I)]	As required (up to 12 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
193.	UNCTAD - other working parties, study groups and expert groups (convened by virtue of a special resolution in each particular case)	As required (up to 10 weeks)	Geneva	G or E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
194.	UNCTAD - Other meetings of ad hoc working groups [Trade and Development Board decision 398 (XXXVIII)]	As required (up to 8 weeks)	Geneva	b/	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
195.	Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements [General Assembly resolution 957 (X)]	If required	New York	29 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	If required

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196.	Committee for Development, Planning, thirty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined (1 week)	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
197.	Commission on Sustainable Development - Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests, fourth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/226]	To be determined (1 week)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
198.	Meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
199.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	To be determined	New York	5 G	-	-	-	Two sessions per year
200.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	To be determined	New York	5 G	-	-	-	Two sessions per year
201.	Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa [General Assembly resolution 2431 (XXIII)]	To be determined	New York	13 G	I (EFRS)	T	-	As required

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202. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group I [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
203. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group II [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
204. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group III [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
205. General Assembly, special session on Agenda 21 [General Assembly resolution 47/190]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR/PV	
206. Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament [General Assembly resolution 49/75 I]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR/PV	
207. Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [General Assembly resolution 45/158]	To be determined	Geneva	14 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year once the Convention enters into force

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208. Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	To be determined	Geneva	5 E	To be deter-mined	T	-	One session per year
209. ECLAC - Committee of the Whole, twenty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI)]	To be determined	Santiago	42 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session every two years
210. ESCWA - nineteenth session (Economic and Social Council resolutions 1818 (LV), 2089 (LXIII) and 1994/26]	To be determined	Amman	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
211. ESCWA - Technical Committee [Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/26]	To be determined	Amman	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
212. Meeting between the secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the secretariats of the United Nations system [General Assembly resolution 37/4]	To be determined	To be determined	27 ST	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
213. Meeting between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States [General Assembly resolution 45/82]	To be determined	To be determined	27 ST	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year

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214. World Food Council, ministerial session [General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)]	To be determined	To be determined	36 G	I T - (ACEFRS)	One session per year

a/ The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. Languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned and, in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, according to the actual requirements when these are less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

b/ Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

c/ For plenary meetings only.

d/ When holding oral hearings.

e/ It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary meetings and First Committee meetings only.

E. Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency for 1997

	Organ	Dates (1997)	Location
1.	WHO - Executive Board, ninety-ninth session	13-24 January	Geneva
2.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fiftieth session	20 January-7 February	Montreal
3.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fiftieth session	24 February-27 March	Montreal
4.	ILO - Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and sixty-eighth session	3-24 April	Geneva
5.	UNIDO - Programme and Budget Committee, thirteenth session	21-25 April	Vienna
6.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fifty-first session	21 April-9 May	Montreal
7.	UPU - Postal Operation Council	April/May	Berne
8.	WHO - World Health Assembly, fiftieth session	5-16 May	Geneva
9.	WHO - Executive Board, one hundredth session	19-20 May	Geneva
10.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fifty-first session	26 May-27 June	Montreal
11.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-first session	May/June	Paris
12.	FAO - Council, one hundred and twelfth session	3-12 June	Rome
13.	ILO - General Conference, eighty-fourth session	3-20 June	Geneva
14.	WMO - Executive Council, forty-ninth session	10-21 June	Geneva
15.	UNIDO - Industrial Development Board, seventeenth session	16-20 June or 23-27 June	Vienna
16.	ILO - Governing Body, two hundred and sixty-ninth session	21 June	Geneva
17.	ITU - Council	June (2 weeks)	Geneva
18.	IMO - Council, seventy-eighth session	June	London
19.	WIPO - Governing bodies	22 September-1 October	Geneva

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20.	IMF/World Bank - Joint annual meeting of the Board of Governors	23-25 September	Hong Kong
21.	IAEA - General Conference	29 September-3 October	Vienna
22.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fifty-second session	29 September-24 October	Montreal
23.	UPU - Council of Administration	September/October	Berne
24.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-second session	October-November	Paris
25.	UNESCO, General Conference, twenty-ninth session	October/November	Paris
26.	IMO - Assembly, twentieth session	October/November	London
27.	FAO - Council, one hundred and thirteenth session	4-6 November	Rome
28.	ILO - Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and seventieth session	6-20 November	Geneva
29.	FAO - Conference, twenty-ninth session	7-20 November	Rome
30.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fifty-second session	10 November-12 December	Montreal
31.	FAO - Council, one hundred and fourteenth session	21 November	Rome
32.	IMO - Council, seventy-ninth session	November	London
33.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-third session	November	Paris
34.	UNIDO - General Conference, seventh session	1-5 December	Vienna
35.	IFAD - Governing Council	To be determined	Rome